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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7, 8, 12, 15, 17-24, 26, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,965,707 to *Butterfield* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,053,165 to *Butler et al.* and "*Glass*" article from Microsoft® Encarta® Online Encyclopedia 2003.